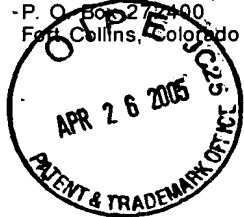


HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY  
Intellectual Property Administration  
P. O. Box 272400  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80527-2400

PATENT APPLICATION

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 50002133-2US



IN THE  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Bruno RICHARD et al.

Confirmation No.: 7262

Application No.: 10/012,466

Examiner: H. Thai

Filing Date: Dec. 12, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2161

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INDEXING FILES

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified applicaiton.

**NOTE:** 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above- application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

(X) Previously submitted:

(X) Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on Feb. 25, 2005.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

( ) Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_.

(X) Enclosed:

(X) Amendment/Reply

( ) Affidavit(s)/Declarations(s)

( ) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_.

04/27/2005 JADD01 00000051 082025 10012466

Miscellaneous

01 FC:1801

( ) 790.00 DA Suspension of action is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
The fee for this Suspension is (37 CFR 1.17(i)) \$130.00  
( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_.

**CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL  
(RCE) (37 CFR 1.114) (continued)**

**ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 50002133-2US**

**(X)** RCE filing fee \$790.00

**(X)** A Petition for Extension of Time

<b>(X)</b>	one month	\$120.00
<b>( )</b>	two months	\$450.00
<b>( )</b>	three months	\$1020.00
<b>( )</b>	four months	\$1590.00

Please charge to Deposit Account **08-2025** the sum of \$910.00. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account **08-2025** pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account **08-2025** under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees.

**(X)** A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

**( )** I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.  
Date of Deposit: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

**( )** I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office facsimile number  
on \_\_\_\_\_

Number of pages: \_\_\_\_\_

Typed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted,

**Bruno RICHARD et al.**

By \_\_\_\_\_

**William T. Ellis**

Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)

Reg. No. **26,874**

Date: **04/26/2005**

Telephone No.: **(202) 672-5300**



Attorney Docket 50002133-2US

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Bruno RICHARD, et al.  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INDEXING FILES  
Appl. No.: 10/012,466  
Filing Date: 12/12/2001  
Examiner: H. Thai  
Art Unit: 2161

**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)**

**Mail Stop RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, applicants respectfully request consideration and examination of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. This Submission accompanies a RCE and is responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 28, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Furthermore, this Submission supplements the after-final Amendment and Reply filed February 25, 2005, whose entry has also been requested in the RCE.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: